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In re Application of: )  
Reiko M. Nakamura )  
Serial No.: 09/877,802 ) Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: June 6, 2001 ) Examiner: G. Gabel  
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETECTION )  
AND DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES )

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION  
UNTENTIONALLY ABANDONED FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In support of its petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) to revive the above-referenced patent application, and pursuant to the requirements of MPEP §711.02 Applicants show the following:

1. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional. This statement is made by the undersigned attorney registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, and a verified statement is therefore not required.

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2. The required Response to the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2004 is filed herewith in the form of a Preliminary Amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination.

3. Applicants respectfully request that the processing of this petition be expedited as applicants were unable to contact the Examiner in this case because of the incorrectly listed phone number on the office action.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any petition fees, extension fees and any other deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

WHEREFORE, Applicants request that the above-referenced patent application be revived.

Respectfully submitted,

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